

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A pedal bracket structure comprising:

a pedal bracket fixed at a front end portion to a toe board; and

a pedal lever rotatably supported in a vicinity of a rear end portion of said pedal bracket
via a pedal lever pivot,

wherein said pedal bracket comprises:

an outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion in the vicinity of said front
end portion of said pedal bracket, and

a brittle portion contiguous to and at a rear side of said rigidity supplementing
portion.

Claim 2. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein
said brittle portion is ahead of said pedal lever pivot in a longitudinal direction of said pedal
bracket.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 1, further
comprising a rigidity increasing member between said pedal lever pivot and a vehicle body, and
which is located at the rear of said pedal bracket.

Claim 4. (Currently amended) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 3, wherein
said rigidity increasing member comprises:

a switch bracket fastened to said pedal bracket together with said pedal lever pivot; and
a rigidity supplementing bracket disposed between said switch bracket and said vehicle
body,

wherein said ~~outwardly swollen~~ rigidity supplementing bracket is aligned with and fixed
to said switch bracket.

Claim 5. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 2, further
comprising a rigidity increasing member between said pedal lever pivot and a vehicle body, and
which is located at the rear of said pedal bracket.

Claim 6. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 5, wherein
said rigidity increasing member comprises:

a switch bracket fastened to said pedal bracket together with said pedal lever pivot; and
a rigidity supplementing bracket disposed between said switch bracket and said vehicle
body,

wherein said rigidity supplementing bracket is aligned with and fixed to said switch
bracket.

Claim 7. (Canceled).

Claim 8. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein

said brittle portion comprises a semi-circular shape.

Claim 9. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 8, wherein said brittle portion has a semi-circular shaped hole formed therein.

Claim 10. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 4, wherein said switch bracket is saddle shaped.

Claim 11. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 6, wherein said switch bracket is saddle shaped.

Claim 12. (Currently amended) A pedal bracket structure comprising:

a pedal bracket fixed to a toe board; and

a pedal lever rotatably supported by said pedal bracket,

wherein said pedal bracket comprises:

an outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion formed toward front end portion of said pedal bracket; and

a brittle portion contiguous to and formed at a rear side of said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion.

Claim 13. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said outwardly swollen

rigidity supplementing portion comprises a swollen bead.

Claim 14. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion comprises a curved rib.

Claim 15. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said pedal bracket further comprises a rigidity supplementing plate attached to said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion.

Claim 16. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said brittle portion has a semi-circular hole formed therein.

Claim 17. (Canceled)

Claim 18. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said brittle portion comprises a thin portion.

Claim 19. (Canceled).

Claim 20. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, further comprising:

a saddle shaped switch bracket attached to a rear of said pedal bracket at said pedal pivot;
and

a rigidity supplementing bracket attached to said saddle shaped switch bracket and further mounted to a vehicle body.

Claim 21. (Currently amended) A pedal bracket comprising:

an outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion formed toward a front end portion of said pedal bracket; and

a brittle portion contiguous to and ~~formed~~ at a rear side of said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion.

Claim 22. (New) The pedal bracket of claim 21, wherein said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion comprises a cylindrically-shaped portion.

Claim 23. (New) The pedal bracket of claim 22, wherein said rear side of said cylindrically-shaped portion is defined by said brittle portion.

Claim 24. (New) The pedal bracket of claim 8, wherein said semi-circular shape comprises a curved portion and a linear portion formed at a front side of said curved portion.

Claim 25. (New) The pedal bracket of claim 24, wherein said rear side of said rigidity

supplementing portion is defined by said linear portion of said semi-circular shape.

Claim 26. (New) The pedal bracket structure of claim 1, wherein said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion comprises a cylindrically-shaped portion.